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Dear Employer:

The Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network's Youth Opportunity Center invites you to participate in our new Pathways to Careers Work Experience Program, which will provide, at no cost, your business with a work-ready youth in the age range of 14-21.

We are seeking employers who are interested in offering a work experience opportunity to a youth who has a sincere interest in your company's field. Currently, we are looking to provide these unique opportunities to more than 150 young people. Some extra "peoplepower" during these months may help you manage your organization's workload and special needs, and, at the same time, provide an opportunity for youth to gain work experience that will reinforce their academic training and expose them to the various career opportunities that exists within your industry.

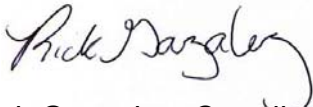
The Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network will cover the liability and pay the youth's salary while he/she gains work experience at your business. Youth may work up to a total of 140 hours, between the months of February and June 2009. Generally, youth will work eight hours per week; however the actual schedule and the number of hours worked per week will be determined by the participating youth and worksite.

A Fact Sheet and Request Form have been attached for your review. If interested in participating, please complete the attached Request Form by December 1, 2008, and e-mail to [Kristen\\_Major@longbeach.gov](mailto:Kristen_Major@longbeach.gov) or fax to 562.570.4744.

For further information on our Pathways to Careers Work Experience Program, please contact either Kristen Major, at 562.570.4733 or at the above e-mail address, or Lucius Martin, at 562.570.4735 or [Lucius\\_Martin@longbeach.gov](mailto:Lucius_Martin@longbeach.gov).

Thank you for investing in our future workforce.

Sincerely,



Rick Gonzalez, Coordinator  
Youth Opportunity Center

Attachments: Fact Sheet  
Request Form

